winter; and the present Overseer who experienced the difficulty was not the gentleman who planned them in the summer. What we should do is to watch their working during the winter season, and if they do not serve any useful purpose, to remove the culverts and place them in other places where there is scope for free proper drainage, so that this is my supplementary question. Will not the Government be pleased to watch their working?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—But our information is that they are functioning properly.

President.—The matter shall be taken notice of and investigated, and then, if there is no necessity for these culverts, they may be removed.

The construction of a dam near Thannikkudam for irrigation purposes.

347. Mr. Lonappan Chakkola.—Will the Government be pleased to state:

(1) whether survey operations are now being carried on with a view to construct a dam in the forest tracts near Thannikkudam in the Trichur Taluk for storing water for irrigation purposes;

(2) whether it is also intended to utilise the storage of water referred to in (1) for producing electricity; and

(3) whether the Government has passed orders sanctioning survey operations referred to in (1)?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—

(1) Yes.

(2) Yes, if found possible.

(3) Yes.

The Adirappalli Hydro-Electric Scheme and the Nemmara Irrigation Scheme.

348. Mr Lonappan Chakkola.—Will the Government be pleased to state (1) whether the Government has abandoned the following schemes:—

(a) the Adirappalli Hydro-Electric Scheme,

(b) the Nemmara Irrigation Scheme;

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(ii) what cost the Government has incurred in connection with each of the schemes referred to in (i);

(iii) the dates with reference to years in which the investigations into the schemes were started and closed?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—(a) and (b) No.

(ii) The expenditure on the Hydro-Electric Scheme amounted to about Rs. 36,936; it is not possible to say how much the Nemmara Irrigation Scheme cost by itself, as it was investigated along with several other wet cultivation schemes in the State.

(iii) The Hydro-Electric Scheme was investigated during the years 1093 to 1095; while the Nemmara Irrigation Scheme was investigated along with other schemes in the Chittur Taluk during the years 1091 to 1094.

Public Roads in the Melur Village.

349. Mr. C. A. Ouseph.—Will the Government be pleased to state:

(a) the total length of public roads in the Melur Village of the Mukundapuram Taluk, and whether such roads are maintained every year by the Government;

(b) whether there is at present any road connecting the Melur Village with the road running south-east from the Chalakkudi bridge;

(c) whether there has been any proposal to open a road to Melur from the road now running south-east from Muringur;

(d) what will be the cost of such a road as is mentioned in (c), and whether such a road will have to cross any streams, and if so, what will be the cost of bridges to be laid across such streams?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—(a) The total length of public roads is 6 furlongs, and they are maintained by the Panchayat every year.

(b) No; there is no road.

(c) Yes; there has been a proposal.

(d) About Rs. 5,000. This will include Rs. 1,500, the probable cost of constructing a bridge over a stream on the route.

Mr. C. A. Ouseph.—When was this proposal made?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—I have not got the information. I don't know the exact time.

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